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SUBJECT: CENTRAL AREA EXPRESSWAY PROJECT (SINGAPORE)

REF: A) MANILA 11013 DTD NOV. 15, 1972

B) MANILA 10552 DTD NOV. 6, 1972

SUMMARY: ADB MANAGEMENT PROPOSES ON NO-OBJECTION BASIS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THAT CONSULTANT'S WORK PROCEED ON DETERMINING FEASIBILITY (PHASE A) AND FIRST PRIORITY FOR DETAILED DESIGN PHASE OF SUBJECT PROJECT (PHASE B). ACTION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED PENDING RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE BANK AND SINGAPORE AUTHORITIES AND PENDING ISSUES HAVE NOW BEEN SETTLED. USADB INTENDS TO RAISE NO OBJECTIONS.

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1. IN NOV. 1972, BANK APPROVED SUBJECT TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE LOAN FOR US\$1,100,000 TO SINGAPORE TO FINANCE TWO-PHASE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND ENGINEERING DESIGN OF THE CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY (REFTELS REFER). PHASE A OF PROJECT INCLUDED FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF NORTHERN, WESTERN AND EASTERN SECTIONS, WHILE PHASE B WAS TO INCLUDE DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN OF PRIORITY NORTHERN SECTION, IF ITS FEASIBILITY HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING PHASE A. LOAN AGREEMENT STIPULATED DETAILED DESIGNS OF NORTHERN SECTION (PHASE B) WOULD NOT BE STARTED WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH BANK.

2. GOVT INITIALLY DELAYED CONSULTANT SELECTION AND PROCEEDED WITH COMMERCIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL AREA, INTENSIFYING CONGESTION AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS. GOVT THEN DECIDED TO RECLAIM FORESHORE AREA WHICH FRONTS MIDDLE STRETCH OF EASTERN SECTION; IN OCT. 1973 ADVISED BANK IT WISHED TO SUBSTITUTE EASTERN FOR NORTHERN SECTION TO BE TAKEN UP FOR PRIORITY DETAILED DESIGNS IN PHASE B.

3. BANK REPLY WAS SUGGESTION TO GOVT TO PROCEED WITH PHASE A, DEFER SELECTION OF PHASE B FOR DETAILED DESIGNS UNTIL PHASE A FINDINGS WERE KNOWN

4. APRIL 1974, GOVT ADVISED BANK ITS INTENTION PROCEED TO START CONSTRUCTION ON STRETCH OF EASTERN SECTION TO BE CONTRACTED ON TURNKEY BASIS WITH THIS STRETCH TO BE EXCLUDED FROM PHASE A FEASIBILITY, ASKED BANK APPROVAL FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS, JOINT VENTURE OF WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES/PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF, QUADE AND DOUGLAS (US). BANK HOWEVER OBJECTED TO RESTRICTIVE EXCLUSION OF SECTION FROM STUDY.

5. GOVT THEN AGREED TO PROCEED WITH FEASIBILITY STUDIES ALL THREE SECTIONS; WILL AVOID PRE-SELECTING ANY SECTION FOR PHASE B; IF EASTERN SECTION IS SELECTED, TURNKEY STRETCH WILL BE EXCLUDED; IF NOT SELECTED, GOVT WILL PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TURNKEY STRETCH OF EASTERN SECTION.

6. BANK MANAGEMENT NOW ACCEPTS GOVT'S CURRENT POSITION TO BE IN CONFORMITY WITH LOAN AGREEMENT; INTENDS TO AUTHORIZE GOVT TO PROCEED UNLESS BOARD MEMBR OBJECTS BY 11 DEC. 1974. USADB INTENDS TO RAISE NO OBJECTION. ADB DOC. R113-74 DESCRIBING EVENTS AND PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION POUCHED

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